



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Minutes

### Town Council Committee of the Whole

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**Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Heather Sherman Bond, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter**

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**Wednesday, December 10, 2008**

**6:00 PM**

**Stonington Police Station, Route 1**

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was convened at 6:03 p.m.*

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Watson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Streeter  
Members Absent: Councilor Bond and Councilor Brown-Tracy

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent.*

*Stonington Board of Selectmen: First Selectman Ed Haberek, Bill Brown, and Peter Balestracci.*

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**2008-0122 Joint Meeting with the Stonington Board of Selectmen**

**Discussed**

*See 12/10/08 Stonington Board of Selectmen minutes.*

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.*

December 10, 2008

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special joint meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Station at 6:00 pm with the Groton Town Council Committee of the Whole. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek Jr., Selectman Bill Brown and Selectman Peter Balestracci. Also present were members of the public and press.

**(1) Call to Order**

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 6:03. Mr. Haberek asked that each person introduce themselves.

**(2) Public Comments**

None.

**(3) Mystic Streetscape**

Discussion about this project occurred from both boards. It was noted that the elements on both sides of the river will have similar, if not matching features.

**(4) Mystic Shuttle**

The Mystic Chamber has formed an Ad Hoc Committee to research this further. They are gathering specifics to estimate the costs involved.

**(5) Mystic Bridge Update**

Both sides were recently sent letters from the DOT delaying this project.

**(6) Clean Energy Update**

The Chairman of the Stonington Clean Energy Committee is also a member of the newly created task force on climate change and sustainable communities. The first meeting of the task force is scheduled for Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**(7) Mystic Traffic Study**

The CD prepared by Bill Haase had been mailed to all stakeholders. Mystic Seaport is the lead agency on this project.

**(8) Collaborative Efforts**

Discussion about collaborating efforts in other areas.

It was agreed that these special joint meetings continue. The proposed date of the next meeting is April 14, 2009, 6pm at the Groton Town Annex. Future action items to be discussed include: shared services, dispatch and fleet maintenance.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. by Mr. Haberek.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary